

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**

200 W. Washington, Suite 301
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 233-0696
<http://www.in.gov/legislative>

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7173
BILL NUMBER: SB 225

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2010
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Occupational Therapist Changes.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Definitions-* The bill revises the definition of "practice of occupational therapy". It adds a definition of "occupational therapy services".

Licensure of Assistants & Removal of Aides- The bill also requires occupational therapy assistants to be licensed (instead of either licensed or certified as currently required). The bill removes provisions concerning occupational therapy aides.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Licensure of Assistants & Removal of Aides-* Possible expenditures for a transition between certification and licensure could include the replacement of pocket cards for current certified OTAs to indicate licensure and possible OTA examination revisions. The expenditures needed to implement a licensure program for OTAs would depend on administrative actions of the Occupational Therapists Committee (OTC) and the Medical Licensing Board (MLB).

Background Information- The Professional Licensing Agency reports, as of September 2010, there were 2,831 OTs licensed and 1,190 OTAs certified.

Explanation of State Revenues: Currently, fees for the occupational therapist license and the aide certification are \$100 for both issuance and renewal. Revenues for the biennium FY 2009 - FY 2010 totaled \$418,551.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Occupational Therapist Committee, Medical Licensing Board.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: *2010 Indiana Handbook Taxes, Revenues, and Appropriations*; May 2009 OES table, U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics; Professional Licensing Agency.

Fiscal Analyst: Chris Baker, 317-232-9851.